



## PLYMOUTH YOUTH LACROSSE PARENT / GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Youth sports are supposed to be fun – for the children participating in them. Actions by parents, fans, coaches and other players, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children, both positively and negatively. Too many of today’s youth are leaving sports activities because the fun is negatively impacted by adults whose words and actions do not reflect the virtues of sportsmanship, including fairness, self-control, respect for both authority and opponents, courage and persistence, that youth sports organizations seek to promote. Further, it is becoming difficult to secure officials due to disrespect and threats aimed at them while they are working on the playing field. In order to make clear our expectations of parent/guardian behavior as it relates to all aspects of participation in our programs, we have developed the following agreement.

As a parent or guardian of one or more athletes involved in Plymouth Youth Lacrosse, your actions reflect not only on you, but your child, their team and our organization and you agree as follows:

1. I will adhere to the Plymouth Youth Lacrosse’s Zero Tolerance Policy. I will never be under the influence of or in possession of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or weapons of any kind at practices, games, trips, or other events.
2. I understand that the use of foul language towards anyone (coaches, teammates, officials, opponents, or spectators) will not be tolerated. I will not engage in any language or actions with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate, or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. I will not tolerate these acts from any players, coaches or adults associated with Plymouth Youth Lacrosse. These acts shall be considered harassment and will result in the immediate removal from the practice, game, or event.
3. I will not post on any social media site with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate, or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. The posting of negative, demeaning, or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. These acts shall be considered harassment and may result in the immediate removal of my athlete from the organization. Furthermore, if I observe anything of concern from or about an official, another Plymouth Youth Lacrosse coach, player or club member on a social media site, I will immediately contact my child’s coach or the Plymouth Youth Lacrosse Board. As a parent or guardian, I understand that I am accountable for the actions of my child/children on social media sites. I will stress to my child the importance of proper

conduct on these sites and provide oversight to prevent any type of cyber-bullying by my child/children.

4. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or spectator such as booing, taunting, or using profane language or gestures. I will maintain self-control at games, practices, and other Plymouth Youth Lacrosse events.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or event.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
7. I will encourage my child/children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. I will demand that my child/children treat all players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
8. I will not complain or become confrontational about penalties or calls made by the officials, and I will respect their decisions at all times.
9. Our coaches undergo background checks and are trained and certified by USA Lacrosse. I will support the coaches and allow them to do their job by not coaching my child/children or other players during games and practices. I will not openly question or confront coaches before, during or after games or practices. I will take the time to speak with coaches about any concerns calmly, privately and at an agreed upon time and place.
10. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my child/children or their team to win.
11. I will inform the coach of any physical disability, illness or injury that may affect the safety of my child/children or the safety of others.

I realize that if I violate this Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct, I may be subject to action by representatives of Plymouth Youth Lacrosse that could include one or more, but not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by Head Coach and/or Plymouth Youth Lacrosse Board of Directors
- Written Warning from Plymouth Youth Lacrosse Board of Directors
- Parent/Guardian Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by Plymouth Youth Lacrosse Board of Directors. This means that the named parent/guardian will not be allowed to be physically present at any location where any Plymouth Youth Lacrosse team is playing for the prescribed period.
- Parent/Guardian Season suspension from all Plymouth Youth Lacrosse Games (Home or Away), Practices and Events for the remainder of the current season.
- Permanent Parent/Guardian Suspension from all future Plymouth Youth Lacrosse Games (Home or Away), Practices and Events.